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Besu upgrade: Varsity to get final nod from Centre

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Kolkata: The wait is finally over for Bengal Engineering and Science University (Besu). The Centre will soon formally communicate its decision to upgrade the university to an Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IIST).

Union finance minister Pranab Mukherjee has sanctioned Rs 15 crore in his budget for upgrading Besu to an IIST. "This is the outcome of the reports of Joshi and Anandakrishnan committees. The entire university is extremely happy that the Centre has finally awarded Besu the IIST tag," said varsity vice-chancellor Ajay Kumar Roy.

"Our major objective is to strengthen our postgraduate and research programmes, and sponsored and collaborative research with the industry and universities across the globe. This upgrade will be extremely helpful in our journey towards achieving excellence in teaching and research. We are sure that Besu will reach its goal within a very short time, with assistance from the central and state governments," Roy added.

He pointed out that there are a lot of areas that need immediate attention. "We will try to create infrastructure, including new academic buildings, students' hostels, faculty quarters, auditoriums, convention centres and roads on the campus. We will also purchase good quality instruments over the next few years," the V-C said.

A formula for admission to the institute will have to be worked out after its upgrade as an IIST.



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